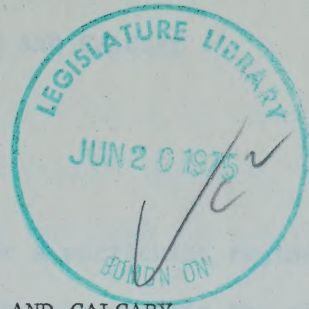


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Note that a consumer price index for a particular regional city measures the movements in prices faced by consumers, within the specific city. Consumer price indexes for regional cities cannot be used to compare levels of price between cities.

Consumer price indexes advanced in all regional cities between April and May with increases ranging from 0.5% in St. John's and Halifax to 1.1% in Saint John and Vancouver. The food index rose in all centres reflecting generally higher prices for fresh produce, meat, poultry and dairy products. Increased shelter costs for both owned and rented admission charges and higher prices for recreation equipment were other major contributors to the advances recorded for the All-Items indexes at the city level. The health and personal care component of the index also increased in most cities whereas mixed price movements were recorded for the clothing and the transportation components.

The All-Items index for Edmonton rose by 1.0% from April to May 1975 and by 9.2% from May 1974 to May 1975.

Higher quotations for restaurant meals and fresh produce, along with increased shelter costs, higher taxi fares and increased prices for tobacco products were the chief contributors to the 0.7% rise in the All-Items index. Lower prices were recorded for eggs, dairy products and bakery and cereal products.

The All-Items index for Calgary rose by 0.7% from April to May 1975, and by 10.2% from May 1974 to May 1975.

Consumer Price Index for All-Items

The 0.7% rise in the All-Items index was mainly due to higher quotations for meat, fresh produce and restaurant meals, in addition to increased shelter costs and higher prices for tobacco products. Price increases were also registered for recreation equipment and men's haircuts.

	1973	Percent Change From	
		April 1972	Mar 1973
All-Items	107.1	0.7	0.8
Food	106.1	0.3	1.7
Food for home consumption	106.3	-0.3	1.7
Dairy products (incl. butter) ..	109.1	0.1	20.5
Cereals and bakery products	100.7	-2.1	10.5
Fruit and other (incl. butter) ...	106.3	-2.7	10.5
Meat, poultry and fish	106.5	-0.3	17.0
Eggs	111.7	-13.3	-13.4
Fruits and vegetables (1)	108.3	3.0	11.0
Processed food (2)	106.7	0.2	12.2
Prepared and pack. prepared dishes and snacks (3)	106.5	2.4	16.7
Other food (4)	106.9	3.3	20.1
Beverages (1)	111.0	-5.3	13.3
Food away from home	106.7	2.4	10.0
Housing	108.4	0.3	25.2
Shelter	107.8	1.1	0.1
Household operation	108.1	0.3	13.4
Clothing	107.8	0.1	0.4
Women's wear	107.5	-	3.3
Men's wear	107.6	0.5	7.3
Children's wear	107.3	-0.1	4.3
Footwear	108.0	-	3.4
Fabric goods and notions	107.5	0.2	0.0
Clothing services	108.7	-	18.4
Transportation	107.8	0.7	11.4
Private transportation	107.8	0.1	17.7
Public transportation (1)	108.4	4.1	30.2
Health and personal care	108.7	0.4	11.4
Recreation, education & reading ...	107.0	0.3	0.0
Tobacco and alcohol	106.7	2.4	10.0



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TABLE 1

Consumer Price Indexes for Edmonton

Main Groups and Selected Components, Not Seasonally Adjusted

(1961 = 100 unless otherwise noted)

	Indexes	Per Cent Change	
	May 1975	May 1975 from	
		April 1975	May 1974
All-Items	169.1	0.7	9.6
Food	196.1	0.3	7.9
Food for home consumption	188.3	-0.2	7.1
Dairy products (incl. butter) ..	199.1	0.1	23.5
Cereals and bakery products	190.7	-2.1	16.9
Fats and oils (excl. butter) ...	188.5	-0.7	14.2
Meat, poultry and fish	191.5	-0.3	-7.0
Eggs	161.7	-17.3	-13.9
Fruits and vegetables (1)	129.3	3.6	11.0
Frozen food (1)	129.5	0.2	17.8
Prepared and part. prepared dishes and snacks (1)	139.8	2.6	16.6
Other food (1)	168.9	0.3	20.3
Beverages (1)	141.6	-0.5	25.3
Food away from home	260.9	2.4	10.9
Housing	150.6	0.9	10.2
Shelter	147.8	1.1	8.7
Household operation	155.1	0.5	12.6
Clothing	161.8	0.1	6.4
Women's wear	156.4	-	3.2
Men's wear	165.6	0.5	7.5
Children's wear	140.3	-0.1	8.9
Footwear	180.4	-	3.6
Piece goods and notions	137.5	0.2	6.6
Clothing Services	182.7	-	18.6
Transportation	162.8	0.7	11.4
Private transportation	156.0	0.1	11.5
Public transportation (1)	118.4	4.1	10.1
Health and personal care	194.7	0.9	11.9
Recreation, education & reading	173.0	0.9	9.8
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Beverages (1)	141.6	-0.5	25.3
Food away from home	260.9	2.4	10.9
Housing	150.6	0.9	10.2
Shelter	147.8	1.1	8.7
Household operation	155.1	0.5	12.6
Clothing	161.8	0.1	6.4
Women's wear	156.4	-	3.2
Men's wear	165.6	0.5	7.5
Children's wear	140.3	-0.1	8.9
Footwear	180.4	-	3.6
Piece goods and notions	137.5	0.2	6.6
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TABLE 3

Consumer Price Index Changes for Edmonton, Calgary, and
Canada, Main Groups, Not Seasonally Adjusted
(1961=100 unless otherwise noted)

	Edmonton		Calgary		Canada	
	% change April 1975 to May 1975	% change May 1974 to May 1975	% change April 1975 to May 1975	% change May 1974 to May 1975	% change April 1975 to May 1975	% change May 1974 to May 1975
All Items	0.7	9.6	0.7	10.2	0.8	10.1
Food	0.3	7.9	0.7	9.2	1.1	11.0
Housing	0.9	10.2	0.9	11.0	0.6	9.4
Clothing	0.1	6.4	-	6.8	-	6.0
Transportation	0.7	11.4	-	11.1	0.3	10.6
Health and Personal Care	0.9	11.9	0.8	11.8	1.4	11.9
Recreation, Education and Reading	0.9	9.8	0.6	9.8	1.5	11.8
Tobacco and Alcohol	2.9	14.6	2.4	13.8	2.3	13.2

